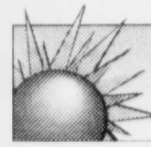


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Wildflower Triathlon heating up

By Jennifer Thomson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It is known as the Woodstock of triathlons. It is the second largest in the world and attracts over 5,500 athletes, 900 volunteers and offers a \$37,000 purse to the professional athlete who wins the long course event.

The 18th annual Wildflower triathlon, which runs May 4 to 6 at Lake San Antonio, is an event that challenges and tests the abilities of athletes worldwide.

All three triathlon events held during the weekend are known to be strenuous and difficult. The Long Course, Mountain Bike and the Olympic Distance Triathlons each consist of a swim, bike and run. The most difficult, the Long Course event, attracts many top name professionals.

According to a Wildflower press release, this year's event boasts the strongest professional field in the history of the event, including last year's returning winners Chris Legh of Australia and Jeanne Krizman of Tucson, Ariz. The course includes a 1.2-mile swim, 55-mile bike ride and 13-mile run. There is also a smaller mountain bike course offered to other participants.

The Olympic course will host this year's National Collegiate Championship for the 10th year where the Cal Poly Triathlon Club will defend last year's second place finish.

"We're looking within ourselves, not so much at the other schools, but as a group coming together and fighting

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AARON LAMBERT/MUSTANG DAILY

Steve Hill, a journalism freshman, votes in the Associated Students Inc. election Wednesday. By noon, only 746 students had voted. The polls remain open until 4 p.m. today.

ASI keeps tabs on turnout

By Matt Szabo
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The first day of voting for Associated Students Inc. positions attracted hundreds of students to the polls Wednesday.

"It's been busy," said Joan Rich of the League of Women Voters, who was manning the Agriculture Building voting location. "The turnout has been mostly when people are coming and going to classes."

The League of Women Voters has been running the polling locations

for a number of years at Cal Poly. Dotty Conner, a member of the organization, said she thought the turnout thus far had been about the same as prior years.

Liberty Lewis, vice chair of the ASI Board of Directors, said that 746 students had voted by noon on Wednesday. The polls opened at 8 a.m. at five campus locations: Dexter Lawn, the University Union, the Agriculture Building, the Rec Center and Fisher Science Building. Students were able to vote until 4

p.m., and those who didn't vote Wednesday will be able to vote today at the same times and locations.

Carolyn Moffatt, manning the Dexter Lawn location, agreed with Rich that the day had been busy.

"Maybe there's more voting because there's not as much wait," Moffatt said.

The process became computerized this year, and students are able to scan their ID cards, which automatically brings up their major informa-

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Fire damages residence of Poly lecturer

By Evann Gastaldo
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A house rented by one of Cal Poly's lecturers caught fire Tuesday.

Ty McCartney was listed as the tenant, said Rick Giubbini, a fire captain with the San Luis Obispo County Fire Department. McCartney is a lecturer in the College of Agriculture's natural resources management department.

The fire at 452 Printz Rd. in Arroyo Grande was reported at 1:57 p.m., Giubbini said. The Arroyo Grande Fire Department and the San Luis Obispo County Fire Department brought the fire under control at 3:14 p.m., he said.

One firefighter received a minor burn injury fighting the blaze, he said. The fire resulted in \$40,000 worth of damage to the structure and \$10,000 worth of damage to the contents.

The fire started when an uncapped gas line was accidentally turned on, Giubbini said. The gas eventually found an ignition source and ignited.

According to a KSBY news report, there may have been ungraded midterms in it at the time.

The College of Agriculture does not have an official policy for dealing with lost midterms, said Dave Wehner, associate dean of the College of Agriculture.

"We would have to discuss what the situation was and decide what to do," he said. "We would deal with it on a situation by situation basis."

Hard act to follow



Computer science sophomore Charles Wallace, left, helps Jim the Juggler with his act in Chumash Auditorium Wednesday. Jim was opening for Darren Carter, a comedian who has appeared on shows such as "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno and "The Jamie Foxx Show." The performance was part of ASI's new Higher Grounds Coffeehouse series.

DANIEL GONZALES/MUSTANG DAILY

Sleepover aims to create awareness about homeless

By Michelle Hatfield
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

They arrive in the evening with only a toothbrush and sleeping bag. For check-in, they fill out paperwork that keeps track of how many nights they've already spent there. They eat a simple, small dinner. After dinner, they spread out their bags on the ground or on small cots for a night of sheltered sleep. By 6 a.m. the next day, they have to be gone.

For one night, community members will take part in a sleepover like this that is meant to promote awareness about homelessness.

"A Night Without a Home: Awareness Sleepover" is sponsored by Beyond Shelter, part of Cal Poly's Center for Community Volunteerism and Services Learning.

Ali Schlager, co-director of Beyond Shelter and social sciences sophomore, said she hopes the sleepover helps people empathize with the homeless.

"The sleepover's goal is to raise awareness about homelessness," Schlager said. "We wanted to create a

real atmosphere of a night at a shelter."

Beyond Shelter volunteer and psychology sophomore Jen Bush said that awareness is important in finding a solution.

"Not many people know about what the homeless have to go through," Bush said. "The more people are aware, the more people can help out."

The sleepover, part of Cal Poly's third annual Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, has two goals, Schlager said. The first is to educate the community about the issues of the homeless.

The sleepover starts at 5 p.m. Friday and ends at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at the church at Mission San Luis Obispo. Participants are asked only to bring a toothbrush and sleeping bag.

Schlager said people will check in, eat a simple meal of salad, pasta and bread, and go to bed. There will be cots and mats on the floor.

There will also be a talk by a speaker

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daily dose

TODAY'S SUN

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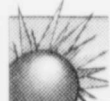
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FRIDAY

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SUNDAY

High: 75° / Low: 48°



MONDAY

High: 78° / Low: 50°

Mustang Daily ...

More fun than a carrot and a machete.

Rec Center taking reservations

By Jennifer Thomson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

"First come, first served" and "reservations please" are the new slogans of the Associated Students Inc. Rec Center. Every cardio machine, with the exception of the stationary bikes in the main exercise room, has been strapped with a pink or white sign-up sheet.

Fitness Coordinator Nancy Clark said she thinks that using the new pink reservation sheets is a much better system than the old one that only offered first come, first served white sheets to users.

The new pink reservation sheet is for participants to come in at any time during the day and sign up for a half-hour slot sometime during that same day.

The old white sheets offer the machines at a first come, first served basis and may be used to sign up for a half-hour time block after a student gets to the Rec Center.

All cardio machines are limited to 30 minutes of use by participants.

The advantage to the pink sheets is that reserving a time early in the day holds a spot for the user no matter what. The disadvantage is that if someone only uses the machine for 20 minutes the machine is left unused for the last 10 minutes, which makes some students angry.

"I don't like the pink sheets," said Katie Bullis, biology senior. "If someone gets off early there's 15 minutes the machine is just sitting there."

Clark said the Rec Center is trying to accommodate as many people as possible. Overcrowding has been a problem in the past, but not recently, Clark said. The exercise room capacity is 150 participants, a number set by the fire chief in accordance with the fire code.

"I think it's overcrowded. I think the sheets help a little, but there's just not enough machines."

Jacqueline Boyle
kinesiology freshman

"I think it's overcrowded," said Jacqueline Boyle, kinesiology freshman. "I think the sheets help a little, but there's just not enough machines."

The exercise room is always busy. Exercise room attendants count the number of participants hourly and also say there is a shortage in machines.

"The Precors and the Treadmills are always being used," said Scott Jacobson, exercise room attendant. "The only better solution is more machines."

Clark said that peak hours are between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and after-dinner hours from 8 p.m. to midnight.

"It's always hoppin' up there," she said.

The Rec Center instituted the new system to accommodate all styles of workout schedules.

"People that need that reservation, they need to get in, and they need to know they have that machine," Clark said.

Rec Center staff said that problems have occurred with the sheets because students do not understand the difference between the two and

students tend to abuse the time limits. They are working on making users conscientious of others waiting to use the machines, but if

there is a problem, participants should speak to an exercise room attendant, Clark said.

"The white sheets are still misused a lot," said Vicky Sims, exercise room attendant. "People try to treat them like the pink sheets. The only problem with them is that if somebody doesn't want it for the full half hour."

Clark said there are no plans to institute sign-up sheets with the weight machines. She said people need to let others work into their sets.

"Unless it's obscene, you can't have five people working around a full set," Clark said. "But there's a lot of people that will do their set and sit on that machine. Do your set, get up, let the next person do their set, and switch off. It's a courtesy."

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tion. That way the pollster can know which ballot to give the voter.

"We've been able to handle a lot more voters because of the computers," Moffatt said. "We just take the student body card and swipe it through."

Ishmael Hall, who unsuccessfully ran for ASI president last year, voted Wednesday afternoon.

"I'm very involved," Hall said. "(The elections) make a very big difference in student body. I've worked in ASI so I know it makes a difference who is behind those desks."

Some students, however, don't think the elections are important enough for them to spend the time to vote.

"I didn't vote because I didn't know anybody," said Andrew Mead, a math senior. "It really doesn't matter that much to me, because I don't see how much influence they really have."

Robyn Gottheiner, a business junior, hadn't voted in past elections but felt the need to vote this year because she knows one of the candidates for ASI president, Corey Reihl.

"I thought it was really important to support him," Gottheiner said.

Since those who didn't vote Wednesday have a chance to vote today, there is still time to decide for whom to vote. That will probably be the case for Matthew Holm, civil engineering senior.

"I think it's going to be more convenient to vote (Thursday)," Holm said. "I still have a couple options. I'll probably gather in some more information."

Napster use declined since ruling

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Napster use has plunged 41 percent since the online company added song-screening technology to comply with a federal court order, according to an Internet researcher.

Users downloaded 1.6 billion songs in April, a sharp decline from 2.8 billion in February, according to Matt Bailey, an analyst with Cambridge, Mass.-based Webnoize.

"It is now very difficult to get to material that has been blocked by Napster," Bailey said Wednesday.

Napster's programming allows

users to share and trade songs stored on computers linked by the Internet. The new screening technology was put in place during an ongoing legal dispute with the

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Matt Bailey
Webnoize analyst

recording industry.

In February, there were 1.6 million people logged on to Napster at any given time. In April, there were just over 1 million — and they were trading a smaller selection of music, Bailey said.

Napster did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

The Recording Industry Association of America, which sued Redwood City-based Napster for copyright infringement, said the report does not prove the company is fulfilling its part of the judge's order to remove copyrighted works from its site.

Bailey found that users downloaded almost 2.5 billion music files in March, with users sharing 220 files on average. By April, the number of files shared among users dropped more than an 80 percent, to 37.

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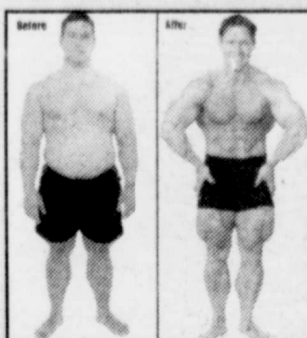
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who is currently homeless. Participants will have the opportunity to meet the shelter staff, Schlageter said.

"The sleepover offers a different perspective," she said. "People will have the entire night to think about the issue."

The second goal of the sleepover is to raise money for the Economic Opportunity Commission.

Schlageter said the EOC is a government agency that provides assistance to the disadvantaged of the county. The assistance ranges from providing shelters to health centers to thrift stores.

Each sleepover participant is asked to obtain \$100 in sponsorship for the EOC. With room for 50 participants, Beyond Shelter hopes to raise \$5,000 for the organization.

Although San Luis Obispo is an affluent town and county, Schlageter said that homelessness is a problem.

"Because San Luis Obispo is a tourist town, people don't think there is a problem," she said. "Although they may not be visible, it doesn't mean their struggle isn't any less."

Schlageter said there are approximately 4,000 homeless people in the county. In addition to homelessness being a problem, so is providing assistance. In San Luis Obispo County, there is one shelter for women, one for youth and one for all homeless, Schlageter said. This last shelter has 49 beds and an overflow section with 15 extra beds.

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week starts Friday and runs through May 12. The week will feature seven events including a community meeting, a fast, a canned food and clothing drive, a hunger banquet and a benefit concert.

For more information about the events, contact Beyond Shelter at 756-5834 or visit the Web site at www.calpoly.edu/~scs.

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together and whatever our outcome is we're going to be 100 percent positive about it," said Brandon Drew, senior team member.

Drew said this year the team is stronger than in years past because of organization and structure within the team. It has built upon last year's assets and worked to become a progressive team, he said.

"The biggest thing we have going for us is the camaraderie within the team," Drew said. "Our team just has the glue, and that's what we're really going on."

The team members said they won't make any assumptions going into the race, but they are hopeful of advancing further than in years past. Drew said that too many things can happen in a race to make any judgment calls and they are going to do the best they can. The team has 49 members participating in the Olympic course.

The collegiate team championship winner is determined by the combined times of the top three men and top three women with the fastest times. University of Colorado at Boulder is the reigning national champion and holds the record for the lowest team time at 13:47:50.

Cal Poly senior triathlon team member Jake Swanson said the team's success this weekend will stem from the transition of the sport from an individual to a team sport. He hopes that team togetherness will propel the team toward first place at the championships.

The Cal Poly Triathlon team will be one team of over 55 colleges competing at the championships.

Individual competitors outnumber those participating as a team. Senior Eric Harper will be attending his first Wildflower unattached. A serious competitor and experienced triathlete, Harper said he isn't concerned about

lack of support that he would otherwise receive from a team.

"Triathlon has always been an individual sport," Harper said. "Unless you're in the Olympics, there is no such thing as team competition."

Wildflower is a well-known event nationwide among athletes and spectators. Harper said it is unlike any other event he has ever attended.

"It's a huge event with a party-like mentality to it," he said. "There's never been a place where I've run before where I expect girls to show me their chests."

Hundreds of volunteers and guests will attend Wildflower this year, organizers said in a press release. Volunteers will dedicate 12 hours of their time during the weekend to make the event run smoothly. Volunteer work ranges from preparing food for volunteers to checking bikes for the racers to marking the course for each race.

Recreation administration junior Megan Matheny will be volunteering her time as a lifeguard this weekend. Matheny said she is looking forward to the weekend because it is a good time and she likes watching the events, especially from her front row seat on the water.

"Wildflower is fun because it's a big Cal Poly party," Matheny said. "There are bands during the day and it's cool to be out there on the water hanging out with your friends."

Liberal studies student Graeme Geddes, who will be volunteering at an aide station, said that he will enjoy getting away for the weekend.

"It's all about socializing, hanging out and a chance to get away from school and recent midterms to party," Geddes said.

More than 30 Cal Poly student team leaders and 50-plus subcommittees have volunteered five months of their time preparing for the event.

Bombing survivors react to upcoming execution

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Not all of those who were injured or lost loved ones in the Oklahoma City bombing will wake before dawn on May 16 to watch Timothy McVeigh die.

Athena Roy will kneel in church to pray for the man who murdered her mother.

Rob Roddy, a survivor of the Oklahoma City bombing, will get ready for work the same as he does every weekday.

Deloris Watson will take her scarred grandson to a park, where they will eat ice cream straight out of the carton and study the clouds.

They are victims of the April 19, 1995, blast who think it is easier to heal if they try to go on with the lives they had before McVeigh parked a truck bomb in front of the federal building and killed 168 people.

They don't attend every anniversary ceremony or volunteer at the memorial site, telling their stories to tourists from all over the world. They don't like to talk to reporters.

"You can never forget it, but you move on," says LaVerne McCloud, whose 10-year-old daughter, Nekia, was injured in the Alfred P. Murrah Building day-care center. McCloud rarely goes to the memorial.

Nearly 300 people have told the government they want to watch McVeigh's execution. To accommodate them, Attorney General John Ashcroft has agreed to the largest closed-circuit TV broadcast of an execution in U.S. history.

Roy gets angry when she hears someone say bombing survivors and victims' families want to watch McVeigh die. She doesn't want to see

it. "We're not all the same person," says Roy, whose mother worked in the U.S. Housing and Urban Development office. "Some of us don't need to go out and get the support of the public. I can keep that to myself."

Roy, who is Roman Catholic, believes the death penalty is wrong. She says McVeigh's execution will not help her family heal.

Roy, who was 22 when her mother, Diane Hollingsworth Althouse, was killed, says it is time other people stop dwelling on the bombing. She worries that some bombing survivors and victims' families are downplaying other people's losses.

"There are people that die every day in tragedies," she says. "There are all kinds of horrific things that have been happening everywhere."

Roddy, one of the few who walked out of the federal building without a scratch, will not do anything out of the ordinary on McVeigh's execution day. He hopes other bombing survivors do the same, leaving the metal folding chairs facing the execution viewing screen empty.

"Boycotting it would be a much stronger statement they could send him," he says. "I wish they would realize that."

Roddy did not support capital punishment before the bombing and still doesn't. He thought for the first couple of months after the blast that maybe McVeigh could be an exception.

"After the shock wore off, I came to my senses," he says. "I started realizing that it was so self-serving of me. I could never begin to forgive McVeigh, but I don't want him killed."

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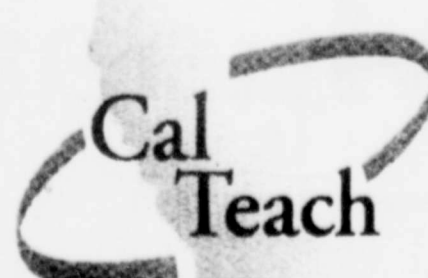
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Bush takes steps in right direction on gay issues

I never thought I'd say it, but I'm impressed with President Bush. During his campaign, he made it clear that gay and lesbian people would not be welcome in a Bush White House. This certainly appealed to the conservative extremists who were at the heart of his run for office.

However, this month George W. Bush appointed a gay man as the director of the Office of National AIDS Policy. This appointment marks the first time that any Republican in the White House has named an openly gay or lesbian person to an Executive Branch position.

Some religious fundamentalist groups were outraged, looking to mobilize their forces in order to "stop Bush from promoting the homosexual agenda." The President's spokesperson simply said, "President Bush is an inclusive leader who appoints qualified people." Lynne Cheney, the vice president's wife, defended President Bush by saying "a person who is gay should have every opportunity."

Even further, the Bush administration retained an executive order from the Clinton administration banning the use of sexual orientation as a disqualifying factor in obtaining a security clearance. Someone in the Bush staff was quoted as saying, "Why should sexual orientation matter?"

Did I miss something? Did someone finally count all of the votes and put Al Gore in office? The idea that gay and lesbian people should have every opportunity is a fairly liberal one – or at least it was up until the election last November. All of a sudden we have a conservative president who is taking steps to embrace gay and lesbian equality?

Honestly, I don't understand why it hasn't happened sooner. The most appealing part of conservative ideology is the notion that government should be limited and non-intrusive into our lives.

Republicans apparently agree that they want a smaller government, but it often seems as if they want it just small enough to fit into our bedrooms – by supporting laws that define what consenting adults are allowed to do, and which genders are permitted to marry each other.

This only indicates that despite Bush's "progress," there is still much more to do. Let's not forget that the Clinton administration appointed more than 150 gay and lesbian people to executive positions. And Bush co-authored the 2000 Republican Party Platform, which states "homosexuality is incompatible with military service." (Does anybody think there aren't already gay people in the military?)

It is time to let people decide for themselves what they do in private. We should convince conservatives to repeal anti-gay legislation that undermines the fundamental principle of limited government.

We should make it clear that the president must govern with "compassion" as he has pledged earlier. And we must also support Bush as he explores his progressive streak on the issue of gay and lesbian equality.

Mike Sullivan is a computer engineering junior.



MUSTANG DAILY WANTS YOU TO VOTE IN THE ASI ELECTIONS

Skateboarders damage campus, bodies

We've all seen people cruising around campus on them. We all know they are banned by the school's code. There are signs around campus with little pictures of them in crossed-out circles. But students like Brandon Byrne continue to use them.

Commentary Byrne carries his skateboard around campus most of the time now because he has received three citations for riding on campus. But since his bike broke, his skateboard is the only way he travels from his off-campus home to school every day.

"It's how I get around," he said.

I sympathize with skaters; everyone needs a way to get around. My transportation method of choice happens to be driving. In fact, I love driving, but when I get to school, I know I have to leave my car in the parking lot. It's just the easiest and safest thing to do.

During the day, the campus is filled with pedestrians. Polyview Drive and Via Carta are especially crowded with students and staff walking to and from classes. Adding other elements to the mix is just dangerous, especially since many people are too busy talking or doing some last-minute review for tests to pay attention to what is going on around them.

Tony Aeilts said that when he became Cal Poly police chief in December 1999, he received a large series of complaints from people who had negative encounters with skateboarders on campus. Many students said that skateboarders had come too close to them while they were walking.

Aeilts followed up the complaints by consulting the university's maintenance staff,

which estimated that skateboarders caused about \$20,000 worth of damage to the campus every year. Benches, railings and the like had to be repaired and re-painted because of damage caused by skaters doing tricks.

I don't know about you, but I pay more than \$2,000 in tuition every year. That means that it would take a year's worth of tuition from about 10 full-time students to pay for the repairs caused by skateboarders on campus. I would much rather have my money go toward education than maintenance.

But the main reason for the skateboard ban is safety. Aeilts said that his officers responded to a number of injury accidents that involved skateboarders. One skater tried to sue the school over the injuries he received when he fell while skateboarding, even though he knew skateboards were banned.

Many universities do not have skateboard bans, but they may pay a price. Last month at Sonoma State, a campus that allows skate-

boards, a student was killed while riding a skateboard, Aeilts said. I like to avoid tragedies like this.

Students are allowed to ride bicycles on many parts of the campus. I have had some interesting encounters with bicyclists myself, usually because they rarely stop at stop signs or signal their turns. The rules seem to have a double standard. "People ride around on bikes faster than on skateboards," Byrne said.

Aeilts said the main reason that skateboards were banned and bicycles were not was because bicycles have brakes.

I have a number of friends who ride skateboards or roller blades. I know that they just want to have fun or get where they are going, but campus just isn't a safe place to skate. I'd rather not have to take them, or anyone else, to the emergency room.

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The words "traditional" and "typical" definitely do not characterize the artistic production "Ex Anima."

The event combines several different media to convey the creative spirit. "Ex Anima" features acting, modern dance, mime, a chorus of singers, a soloist, live and recorded sound, dramatic theatrical lighting, throat singing and a didjeridoo player, said the concert's executive producer and Cal Poly professor Antonio Barata.

"This performance bridges a lot of different media," Barata said. "Anything you can imagine will be on stage. It's kind of a media event."

Barata said the concert follows the history of music and ends with a message about the creative spirit. He said that element is an important metaphor, but that the concert is not specific about what the metaphor actually is.

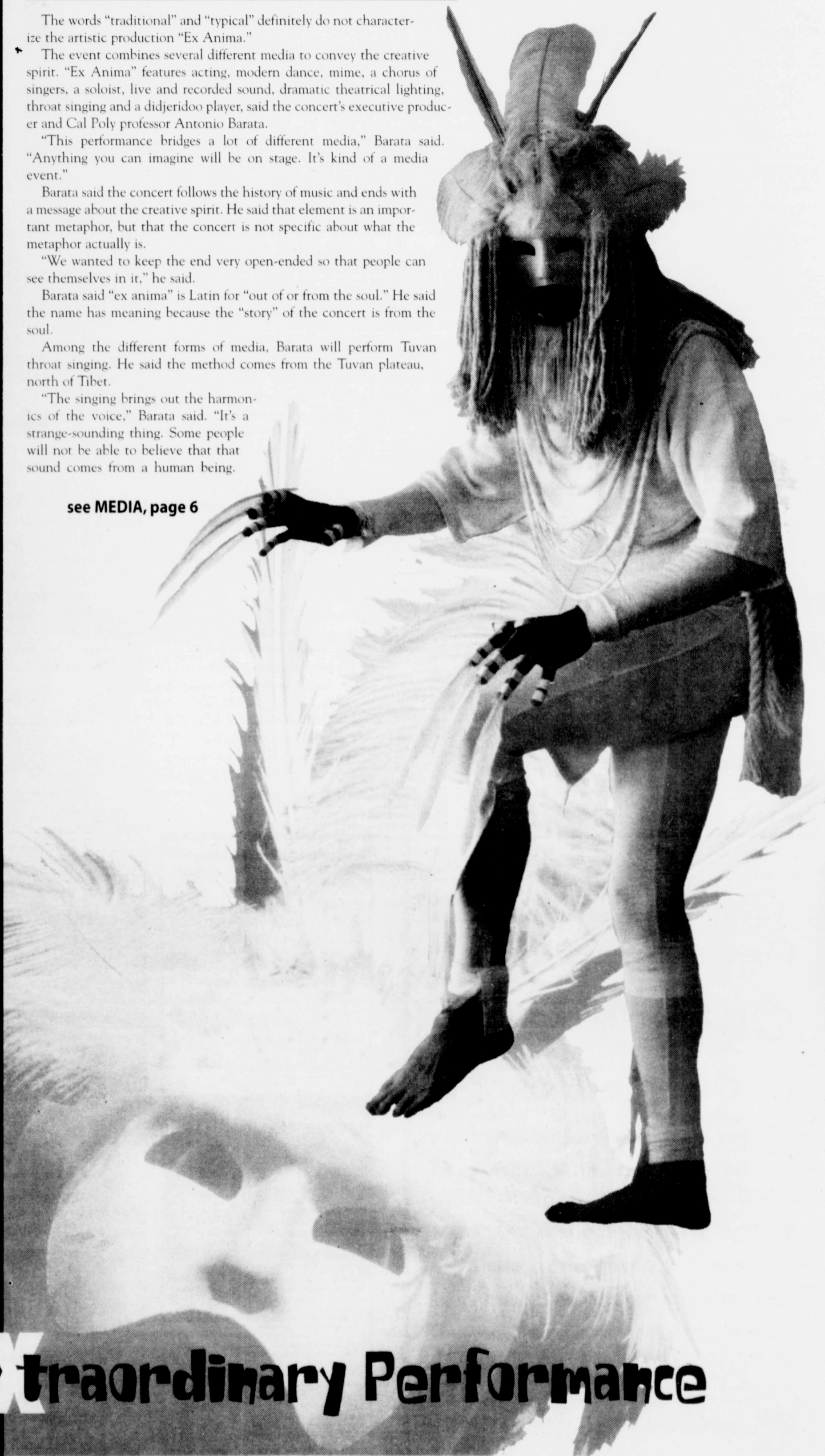
"We wanted to keep the end very open-ended so that people can see themselves in it," he said.

Barata said "ex anima" is Latin for "out of or from the soul." He said the name has meaning because the "story" of the concert is from the soul.

Among the different forms of media, Barata will perform Tuvan throat singing. He said the method comes from the Tuvan plateau, north of Tibet.

"The singing brings out the harmonics of the voice," Barata said. "It's a strange-sounding thing. Some people will not be able to believe that that sound comes from a human being."

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An **EX**traordinary Performance

Rather than black tie, this event is 'no tie'

By Jennifer Thomson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Hanbin Yoo, 13, won't be the only kid at the Performing Arts Center on Saturday.

A "No Ties Allowed" free dress rehearsal is being offered to the public at 1 p.m. the day of the San Luis Obispo Symphony's final event in the group's Saturday Series, geared toward the younger crowd of music aficionados.

"We've got kids that come in, they're sweaty from the soccer fields, but they also take violin, and they come in and watch the dress rehearsal," said Sandi Sigurdson, San Luis Obispo Symphony's executive director. "We know that we get students required to see x-amount of live performances. Some are studying conducting techniques, sometimes they are studying under one of our musicians."

The symphony is offering the free dress rehearsal to the public as a service to the community. Sigurdson said it is a wonderful opportunity to introduce young children to classical music in a relaxed setting.

"We're proud of the orchestra for opening up the rehearsal," Sigurdson said.

She said that people may come and go and stay for as long or as little as they like.

The dress rehearsal isn't just for children, though. Older people who don't like to drive at night attend the rehearsals, and regular subscribers who come at night also come during the day because Maestro Mike Novak describes the pieces to the audience, Sigurdson said.

"Breathtaking Brahms," the last of the Saturday series, will be performed Saturday evening at 8 p.m. The program's centerpiece will be Johannes Brahms' "Concerto for Piano and Orchestra, No. 2 in B-flat Major." Brahms playfully understated this piece as a "tiny little piano concerto with a tiny little wisp of a scherzo," according to a press release issued by the symphony. Brahms' piece is considered one of his most difficult and beautiful.

"The Brahms piece is a very exciting work to perform," said violinist Julie Montgomery.

Montgomery said that while she enjoyed performing professor Craig Russell's pieces on the symphony's recent tour of the East Coast, she is looking forward to ending the season with some equally great works.

Cellist Drew Van Duren, in his seventh season with the symphony, said that the symphony

was initially very nervous to perform in front of a New York audience while on their tour to Carnegie Hall. But after they received applause and standing ovations throughout the performance, they were at ease with the setting.

"We are on a super high after Carnegie Hall, and we're proud to bring it home to the community," Van Duren said.

The tour was a wonderful experience and a dream of all musicians, Van Duren said. He added that not many small towns can accomplish something like sending a symphony from a small community on a tour of the East Coast. It is a reminder of what the symphony was and what it became.

"It's nice to come home and give the last concert as a big thank you to everyone who got us where we are and supported us," Van Duren said.

This Saturday's concert is sold out. A waiting list is kept at the PAC box office, and seats often become available at the last minute. A small number of student tickets will be released Friday for \$8. The rehearsal is still open for attendance. For more ticket information, call 756-2787.



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Hanbin Yoo, a 13-year-old violinist will perform at Saturday's 'No Ties Allowed' San Luis Obispo Symphony dress rehearsal.

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It's hard to describe. You just have to go."

Barata said that anyone who has watched the "Crocodile Dundee" movies has heard a didgeridoo. The didgeridoo is a traditional Australian aborigine instrument. The instrument is shaped like a tube and is 4 feet long, Barata said. A guest artist will play the didgeridoo at the concert.

Although Barata is producing the concert, "Ex Anima" is entirely run by students.

Music senior Wendy Chu is helping produce the concert as her

senior project. She said the students working to put together "Ex Anima" are students in MU 411, sound design: synthesis. Some students not in the class are also helping out with the show, she said. Barata said that the concert has gone from conception to production in six weeks.

"Ex Anima" is not a normal or traditional concert, Chu said.

"It's not your typical concert where people play and bow," she said.

"Ex Anima" is the sixth concert in the music department's "RSVP" concert series. Barata founded the concert series in 1993 because he saw the need to do more adventuresome performances, he said. Past "RSVP" concerts have been so adventuresome that performers have used

power tools and exotic birds, Barata said.

"I wanted to create a place to do challenging things and where the audience could get involved," he said. "The concert has a deeper meaning people can dig into."

The series is named "RSVP" because the phrase means "giving a response."

"After the performance, we don't want them to just go home," Barata said. "We want to hear what their RSVP is."

To facilitate this feedback, a reception will be held after the concert in room 218 of the Davidson Music Building.

Chu said it's important for people to see the concert to get them out of boring routines.

"It would be a good break from the norm," she said. "There aren't many concerts like this in the area. It's like nothing you've ever seen before."

Barata said people will remember "Ex Anima" for a long time.

"This kind of event does not happen at Cal Poly," he said. "We're incorporating the most entertaining and memorable types of concert. You will remember this show."

Barata advises people to buy tickets soon. Because half the tickets are already sold, "Ex Anima" will be held 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Cohan Center's Pavilion in the PAC. Tickets are \$7 for students and senior citizens, and \$9 for the public.

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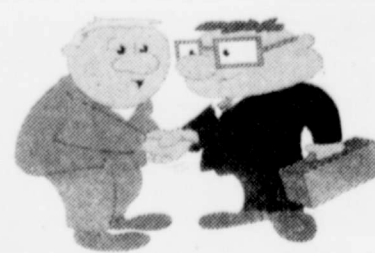
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STEP 1:

Understand the differences between being a college student and a new professional.

What most students don't know is that the first year in any job is different; it's a separate and distinct career stage. You're no longer in college, but you're not really a complete professional yet. You have to give up your student attitudes and behaviors; leave your college days behind. Begin by being prepared for workdays that start before 8:00 am, and often don't end at 5:00 or 6:00 pm. Compared to college, work requires a lot more

time, and your day won't have the flexibility that college life allows. You can't just take off when you feel like it; you can't go hiking or take a road trip. And, you certainly can't walk out just because it's the end of the class period. By the same token, always arriving early and staying late may get you noticed, but may also make you a burned out employee.

Another difference to plan for is that in college, you can change professors every quarter. If you find a professor dull or boring one quarter or you don't get the grade you wanted, you can get rid of that professor the next quarter. At work, you can't change your supervisor or coworkers like that. You may get stuck with someone you can't seem to please. You might be lucky if you get any feedback at all. You can't change your grade or drop the course if you're unhappy. Look at your relationships with fellow workers and supervisors as long term.

STEP 2:

Learn the Art of Being New

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Learn to adjust your expectations - in fact, don't be surprised if you feel like a freshman all over again. Hopefully you won't be making copies or coffee, but you also may not be making important decisions in the beginning.

Although college has taught you how to think and solve problems, you are not yet trained in the basics of this new business and so the company may feel that you have to learn from the ground up. Become a savvy subordinate; know what you don't know, and then learn it. Understand your new hire role; build a track record by finding opportunities and projects in which you can succeed. Avoid "big splash" strategies for making a good impression. Arrive on time, learn to use your time efficiently, work harder and smarter. Learn to communicate with confidence; to develop your written and oral communication skills and to set realistic goals.

STEP 3:

Adopt the Right Attitude

In college, you've been used to getting clear-cut assignments, turning them in by the deadline (usually), getting them back with a grade attached and moving on to the next assignment. It's not so simple in the corporate world. If you're asked to draft a proposal and your boss doesn't like your approach, it's back to the drawing board. And, when you deliver the revision, your boss may say the style, format or tone is wrong. You'll have to redo it again.

Remember, C- is no longer passing. In fact, now, nothing less than an "A" every time will do. In the business world, sweating the details isn't the opposite of being creative. It's also very helpful to maintain a sense of humor, to learn to handle negative feedback, and, most importantly, to check your ego at the door.

Ask questions readily at appropriate times and listen to the responses. Be flexible and willing to take on and complete menial tasks; show that you're willing to go the "extra mile" and do whatever is asked. Make the "right" mistakes; that is, those that come naturally from learning, not those that come from immaturity and impatience.

STEP 4

Learn the Company Culture

You chose to go to work for this company, hopefully because you felt comfortable with their goals and mission and the people you met. Now that you are one of them, embrace the organization to show that you respect who and what it is and that you want to be part of the team. Find ways to fit in. Master the tasks of your job - acquire the knowledge, skills and abilities you need. Take the initiative to establish good working relationships with your peers and learn how to get things done. Be observant of written and unwritten company policy and norms. Listen to the grapevine, but don't be a contributor to office gossip. Pay attention to the political climate. Finally, find a mentor to give you advice and help you to adapt.

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Fulfill dreams through small business ownership

By Kelley Marshall
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(U-WIRE) HOUSTON, Texas - With graduation around the corner, there are some tough decisions to be made. Those with an entrepreneurial spirit might consider starting a business of their own.

Almost everyone has thought about starting a business at some point. The independence it would bring, the thought of being the boss, the opportunity to make money, the idea of being a decision maker, and freedom from routine are some of the driving forces behind the decision.

"I just wanted to make my own decisions, be in charge of my own destiny," said Kathleen T. Lemon, certified public accountant. Lemon graduated from University of Houston-Clear Lake in 1982 with a bachelor of science in accounting. She now owns her own accounting firm.

Starting a small business is like a chess game. Success in business starts with decisive and correct opening moves. Although initial mistakes are not fatal, it takes skill and know-how to gain the advantage.

Small businesses form the backbone of the American economy. There are approximately 25 million small businesses in the United States. In the mid-1990s, small businesses

produced annual revenues of approximately \$15 trillion, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

The Internet is also creating new opportunities for entrepreneurs. There are now 2.8 million small businesses on the Internet in the United States, according to Access Media International. Sales this year will come to \$55 billion and are predicted to double by the end of next year.

To be an entrepreneur is to be a risk taker -- someone not content to leave things as they are, but wanting

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Kathleen T. Lemon
CPA

to strike out on his or her own. This individual brings two important ingredients to new business: confidence in an idea and willingness to accept the hard work and long hours necessary for success.

"To start your own business you have to have the right personality, be willing to work hard and put forth the hours," Lemon said.

Being in business for yourself brings with it not only rewards, but also inherent risks and pitfalls. During the earliest stages of development, it is particularly important to minimize the risks in order to maximize the rewards.

Two factors can help tip the scale in a positive direction: development of good business management skills

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Indiana U. Students run financial Web site

By Elizabeth Crosbie
INDIANA DAILY STUDENT

(U-WIRE)

StreetSideInvestor.com, an Internet company created by Indiana University students, provides online financial information for individual investors. Since its launch in June 2000, StreetSideInvestor.com has been producing financial content.

Hundreds of young entrepreneurs have failed to keep their dot-com businesses alive. The team at StreetSideInvestor.com learned from the mistakes of some of these unsuccessful ventures. Instead of spending their revenue on advertisements, they focused on developing quality information for online investors.

The organization's writing team includes four students, financial experts and two interns. They have published more than 90 interviews with credible sources, such as chief executive officers and business moguls from leading companies.

The team takes an active role in providing valuable financial information to individual investors. A large disparity exists between the type of information an investor with a 10-figure account receives and a first-time investor receives, said Danny Chan, chief executive officer and founder of StreetSideInvestor, Inc.

"We're instruments for individual investors," Chan said. "We bring you Wall Street."

Neither Chan nor his co-founders, some of whom are his roommates, buy

or sell individual stocks so they can supply their readers with unbiased and objective financial information, he said.

Chan said his writing team plans to translate its CEO interviews into Chinese, an action he described as a milestone for his company.

The StreetSideInvestor team recently partnered with a global marketing company, e21corp.com, based in Silicon Valley. The e21corp will translate StreetSideInvestor's interviews. The Chinese version of the interviews will be published through Internet portals serving the Asia-Pacific region, such as Yahoo China and Sina.com.

"Together with StreetSideInvestor, e21 will facilitate communication between the East and the West and promote globalization of business," said Joseph Sun, CEO of e21corp.

The companies united to distribute information to investors in the Asia-Pacific region, which is expected to house one-third of all Internet consumers by 2005, according to Jupiter Research.

Chan said this partnership is a major step for StreetSideInvestor. StreetSideInvestor has six employees and is based in Bloomington, while e21 has more than 300 employees with offices in Los Angeles, Mexico City, Beijing and Tokyo.

StreetSideInvestor also plans to start using message boards to interact with individual investors and provide

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a service for them. Investors can ask questions about investing and managing their finances. They can also offer input by recommending questions for Chan and the team to ask CEOs.

Working out of an apartment, StreetSideInvestor makes its dedication to the Web site a way of life instead of a part-time job. The entrepreneurs constantly look for breaking financial news and throw around ideas about who to interview, Chan said.

"This is a lifestyle," Chan said. "It's an excitement at all times."

STEPS 5 & 6

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to zero in on areas needing improvement, to identify strengths and to communicate career aspirations to and with your supervisor. It is your "report card" in the work world. Try to communicate with your supervisor frequently throughout the year to make the evaluation process less daunting, and don't wait until the day of your evaluation to prepare. From your first day, begin to build an accomplishment file. It may contain information on specific projects on which you've worked; memos/letters of commendation; documentation of work performed outside the organization that spotlight professional abilities. It's not a bad idea to keep a work journal or diary to serve as a reminder of what you have done. As part of your preparation, make a career plan in which you list and prioritize your goals.

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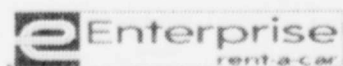
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and a well thought-out plan with a sense of direction.

Being the boss can offer great personal satisfaction, but with it comes the responsibility of making decisions and sticking with them. It is estimated that only 30 percent of all startup businesses in the United States are still in business after five years, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration. Poor management is listed as the primary cause of business failure. Year after year, a lack of managerial experience and aptitude has accounted for around 90 percent of all failures.

Another reason for failure is that owners underestimate how much

money it takes to start a new business. There are a couple of different options to consider when planning the financial startup of a small business. Borrowing money is one consideration, whether from an individual, a bank or the government. There are government money programs, as well as government small business loans. Also, there are several bank loans available. A partnership is another option, although it might take away the idea of being in charge.

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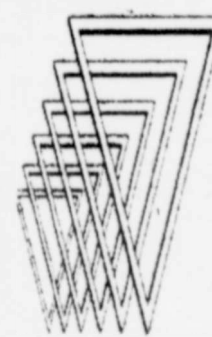
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That's my badly written Bush!

By Jenifer Hansen
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Ripping on the president is a part of American pop culture that cannot be avoided in politics. A new comedy series that takes that idea a step too far (and then some) is "That's My Bush!"

Created by Trey Parker and Matt Stone, the geniuses who crafted the wildly popular "South Park" series, "That's My Bush!" pulls out all the punches and directly jabs at President George W. Bush in a parody of his presidency.

The show is centered on the idea that Bush is not that bright, and although there may be truth to that notion, it is taken to a new low in the fictionalized story lines. Carrying with it the tagline "a brilliant man deserves a brilliant sitcom," "That's My Bush!" clearly is a show about nothing more than making Bush out to be the biggest dimwit, Southern accent and all.

Bush is portrayed by Timothy Bottoms, an actor whose credits do

not add up to much more than a few TV show appearances. What Bottoms has going for him, though, is he's an uncanny resemblance to George W., making for a dead-on impression that would be best used at parties. Unfortunately, the show's writing is so bad that Bottoms must subject himself to cliché expressions and double entendres.

"That's My Bush!" which airs Wednesday at 10:30 p.m. on Comedy Central, wouldn't be complete without the First Lady. Carrie Quinn Dolin plays Laura Bush, the supportive, yet somewhat embarrassed, wife of the president. The real Laura probably wouldn't scoff at George's antics and high jinks (at least not in public), but the fictional Laura does this almost to the point of annoyance. She patronizes everything Bush does, and she should because the story lines have him stealing cable television and staging fake executions. Of course the show would characterize the First Lady as the more intelligent,

all-knowing wife – it makes it easier to drive home the point that the creators think Bush is a bumbling idiot.

A few fictional characters complete the show's cast, namely Princess Stevenson (Kristen Miller) who is supposed to be Bush's executive assistant scheduler. With a name like Princess, she epitomizes everything associated with being a dumb blonde. While the fictional (and possibly the real) Bush may not be the sharpest knife in the drawer, Princess prances around the story lines as nothing more than an accessory, big breasts and all.

The show is done all in good fun – who could resist making fun of the president? The problem is that "That's My Bush!" does not put out anything its audience has not already seen before on shows like "Saturday Night Live." Parodies and spoofs can be fun, but when they are just stupid and not all that funny, turning the channel becomes all the more tempting.



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"That's My Bush!" is a comedy about the president, first lady and various other White House characters. The parody puts the characters in situations that are not likely to occur in Washington. The show airs on Comedy Central, Wednesday at 10:30 p.m.

Drew vs. Drew

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Daft Punk, "Discovery"

Drew P: Daft Punk. You may not know the name, but chances are you've heard the music. Remember the dance hit "Around The World"? Around the weerrrrld, arrrrround the weerrrrrrrrld...

Drew S: That's the one. Included on their debut album, "Homework," the song brought the French dance underground to the mainstream in 1996.

Drew P: Woo-hoo. Now they're back with "Discovery," a far, um, cheesier outing. Its hit single "One More Time" is currently getting airplay all over the place.

Drew S: And it's one of those songs that just keeps playing in your head, over and over, and over. And over.

Drew P: That can be good and bad. I kind of liked the song at first, but now, it just won't go away. The only song I can really compare it to is "Around The World."

Drew S: Coincidence? I think not. The song has an electronic sound that vibrates with a repetitive pounding bass. It's a distinguishable techno sound.

Drew P: The first time I heard it, I started doing the "cabbage-patch" uncontrollably.

Drew S: I'll ignore that one – way too '80s.

Drew P: But when you think about it, Daft Punk is pretty much a tribute to the '80s. These songs could have more or less been written 20 years ago.

Drew S: I agree. The album is a mix of a lot of different music from that era. Daft Punk utilizes many synthesized samples and digitally altered voices to create songs that flash back to the past.

Drew P: Yeah, the vocal effects are pretty weird on this album. These

guys are in love with vocoders, devices used to give the impression of a bunch of singing robots.

Drew S: Speaking of which, the two members of Daft Punk dress like futuristic androids to hide their identities. And songs like "Digital Love" and "Aerodynamic" prove their affinity for mechanical reverberations.

Drew P: And don't even get me started on "Short Circuit," which is probably the craziest funk song you've never heard.

Drew S: They've got some other songs on the album I really like, such as "Crescendolls." The fuzzy keyboards in their sound really add a

lot to the beat.

Drew P: Yeah. Some of this gets a little repetitive after awhile. Like the 50th time the little guy says, "one more time" – that was repetitive. Um, "no more times," little dude.

Drew S: I can see where you would think that. House music is a genre that can only be tolerated for so long. I appreciate Daft Punk's artistic talent, but in my opinion, it's only music to dance to.

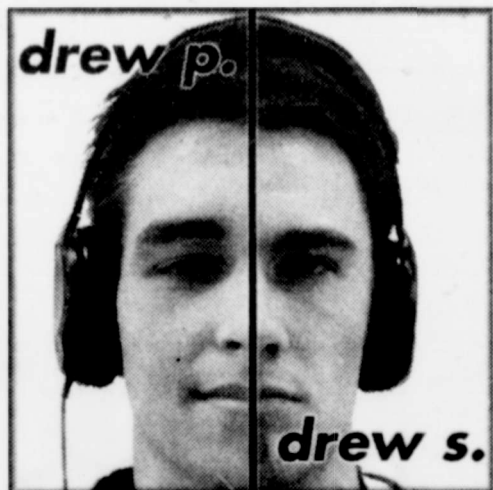
Drew P: And to "cabbage-patch" to.

Drew S: Leave the dance moves at home, and save it for the mirror.

Drew P: Ouch. Their music is a bit of a guilty pleasure, but nothing to be ashamed of. If you like disco-house music, this is your thing.

Drew S: Daft Punk really put together a strong second showing with "Discovery." It's full of retro dance tracks that continually remind me of theme songs from '80s sitcoms. A great album, but a little repetitive.

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Bush's first 100 days confirm his inexperience

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feel his way freely around the White House during his first 100 days in office. His agendas have been allowed to proceed without any serious road blocks, and he has been given several opportunities to take center stage on foreign policy issues, an area many people doubted he had the experience to handle.

The result, in a country where public perception drives political action, has been a president who has talked the talk but has done little to convince the public he is capable of walking the walk.

Presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin said on msnbc.com that she detected a lack of presidential charisma in Bush. She said the American people "have to feel that joy, feel that energy. I don't feel people saying, 'Yeah, he's my president' yet."

The key word in that statement

is the word "yet." President Clinton recovered from a nightmarish first 100 days and Bush has plenty of time left to leave a positive legacy on his administration. In order to do so, however, he needs to remember a theme he consistently reiterated during his campaign. He promised to work closely with both Republicans and Democrats to "end partisan politics in Washington." That translates into a president who is interested in compromising with different viewpoints in order to best represent the people.

This approach was called into question on numerous occasions during his first 100 days in office. One of his first executive orders reversed Clinton administration policy and left the door open for faith-based organizations to receive federal funds in order to deliver social services. This announcement called into question Bush's ability to govern independently of the far right-wing organizations that supported him throughout his campaign. It also brought into question an issue many people were concerned with upon Bush's election: his commitment to separation of church and state.

The cornerstone of the president's campaign was an across-the-board tax cut ranging from \$1.2 to \$1.6 trillion dollars. Many politicians felt the close results of the election would leave Bush open to compromise on the dollar amount of the tax cut, but in his recent budget proposal to Congress, he proposed the full \$1.6 trillion cut. The opposition to Bush's plan pointed to deep cuts in vital social programs such as Medicare and Medicaid as reasons for not supporting the president's plan. Not only does the cut fly in the face of bipartisan politics, it also goes against what many perceive as a downswing in the economy. And while many people continue to ignore the truth, the fact remains that an across-the-board tax cut, such as Bush is proposing, benefits the wealthy rather than helping struggling lower and middle class families.

Bush's troubles continued recently when he hedged on a campaign promise and backed out of the international Kyoto treaty that would have reduced carbon dioxide emissions worldwide. His

failure to follow through with the treaty requirements have angered environmental groups as well as European countries associated with the treaty. His environmental policy has faced further criticism for his support of Environmental Protection Agency administrator Christine Todd Whitman's decision to suspend the Clinton administration regulation significantly lowering arsenic levels in drinking water.

The president was making his biggest strides in the area of foreign policy. While many people perceived this as his biggest weakness, his handling of the China spy plane incident was met with support from even his harshest Democratic critics. Public opinion polls showed he was handling the situation in the most effective manner and acting presidentially. His recent statements regarding arms sales to Taiwan, however, have overshadowed the positive public reaction. Saying the United States would do anything in its power to defend Taiwan is overly

aggressive and moves away from the position the United States has taken toward the situation in the past.

President Bush's first 100 days have reaffirmed what many people already thought about him. He lacks political experience and doesn't appear capable of making up for it with vast intelligence. His main qualification for the presidency, remember, wasn't his accomplishments as governor of Texas but the fact that he is the son of an ex-president. These negatives don't necessarily mean his presidency will be a failure, however.

To his credit, Bush has surrounded himself with people who have political experience and are capable of helping him keep up with the steep presidential learning curve. The variable determining his success in the future could very well be whether he listens to open-minded cabinet members such as Colin Powell or gives in to the pressure put on him by ultra right-wing conservatives.

Hopefully, for the country, he'll make the right decision.

Rob Cassel is a Mustang Daily staff writer.

Letters to the editor

Chancellor doesn't speak honestly

Editor,

In Tuesday's Mustang Daily, you published a letter from Chancellor Reed titled "CSU focuses most on teaching students." Unfortunately, this is not true. Reed's misstatements suggest an effort to deceive Cal Poly students rather than inform them.

1. Reed: "(The California State University faculty) average annual salary of \$72,000 is 20 percent higher than the national average."

FACT: The California Post-secondary Education Commission (CPEC) reports that the average salary of full-time CSU faculty is \$69,068. Average salaries of CSU faculty are about 4 percent BELOW AVERAGE salaries at a comparison set of 20 institutions developed by CPEC using data provided by the chancellor's office.

2. Reed: "Over the past four years, the CSU faculty salary increases a

total of 23.5 percent compared to the national average of 14.9 percent."

FACT: Over the past four years, the actual average salary increased 16.4 percent from its 1996-1997 level of \$59,317.

3. Reed: "Last year, the CSU (faculty salary) increase was 6 percent, compared with the national average of 3.5 percent."

FACT: Last year's CSU faculty salary increase was 4.2 percent.

4. Reed: He says nothing about faculty workload in his letter.

FACT: Reed testified at the Feb. 28 meeting of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Education: "Faculty workload in the CSU is greater than in the comparison institutions, and combined with comparatively low salaries, is a substantial impairment to the recruiting and retaining of quality faculty."

5. Reed: "You may hear union activists claim that only one tenure-track position has been added in the last five years. However, the fact is

that the more than 2,300 tenure-track faculty hired over the past five years has helped maintain our low 18 to 1 student faculty ratio, which keeps CSU class sizes small."

FACT: The record of hiring tenure-track faculty is actually worse than "only one." CSU data indicates that for 1995-1996, there were 9,681 tenure-track faculty then and 9,640 today, a NET-LOSS of 41. This decline coincided with enrollment increases of 39,045 full-time equivalent students. The student-faculty ratio in the CSU today is about 19.6 to 1.

It is extremely disappointing that the chancellor prefers to engage in propaganda tactics rather than speak honestly about the teaching situation in the CSU system. The California Faculty Association (CFA) is strongly committed to a top quality educational experience for all of our students. We hope that students recognize that "faculty working conditions are students learning conditions."

Phil Fetzer is chapter president of California Faculty Association at Cal Poly.

Parking crunch raises safety issues at night

Editor,

For the first time in my two years here at Cal Poly, I felt unsafe Tuesday night.

I made the choice to study off campus, and when I got back at 12:50 a.m., I found myself hiking from the R2 parking lot next to Yosemite Hall to the North Mountain halls in the dark and alone. I timed it - 15 minutes.

As you can imagine, after my late-night workout, I was pretty upset. I immediately called Campus Police at 1:10 a.m. to share my concern about this situation.

The dispatcher was very polite and explained my options - park in a staff spot and get up before 7 a.m. to move my car to a proper spot or locate a blue phone and wait for police, if they're available at that time, to escort me home. Neither option solved the problem.

At 1:45 a.m. another female North Mountain resident was just

arriving back home after walking from the R2 lot. She told me she was almost in tears because this was the second night in a row she had to walk home in the dark from R2 parking to North Mountain. She explained that she just didn't feel safe.

In my mind, as a North Mountain resident and a resident adviser, this is a situation that demands immediate attention. I don't like the idea that any residents, male or female, find themselves in a position in which they feel they need to take a risk in order to come home at night. I don't like that I feel I can't leave campus because I'm scared of losing my parking spot and my sense of security.

I spend \$42 a quarter for a residential parking permit. Does that not entitle me to a parking spot close to home?

Jennifer Beard is a journalism senior.

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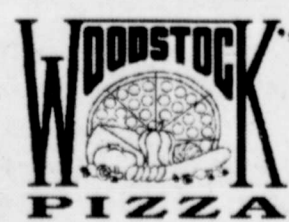
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In light of the Associated Students Inc. elections, Mustang Daily asked three of its regular columnists to write about which candidate they support and why.

Brent Vann for ASI president

As a citizen of the United States of America and a student at Cal Poly, I am worried about something. I always hear people recite a lot of the same, tired talk about what would make our society a better place ... but I see little action being taken. Let us understand that this is OUR school and this is OUR country. The only reason Cal Poly exists is to serve in OUR education so we may further our society. And the only reason why nations exist is to unite peoples of common language and culture so that our lives may be better and well protected as a whole. But we are always the ones in charge ... these institutions are alive to serve us.

What this all comes down to is that WE are in charge of everything that happens within our society. The harsh truth is, this place is only going to be as good as what we make of it. That truth is hard to swallow, it seems, because

Dan Davitt

today people expect the government or whoever is in charge to take care of everything. As a student of political science, you can trust me in my statement that if you expect the government to take care of things, you'll be sorely disappointed!

This idea of the people being responsible for what goes on all filters down to our school. We need to take care of our own communities because, just as the federal government doesn't know how to take care of us (thousands of miles away), the state college system and Cal Poly's head honchos don't know the certain needs of this school that only the students can understand.

Associated Students Inc., the student government, seems to be our best and closest tool to having ourselves heard and get some action done. A good friend of mine, Brent Vann, is running for ASI president this year. He has inspired me to get involved in my school, as we all should in our local communities. He believes, as I do, that governments of any organization should assist the people in what they want (as long as it's within constitutional and federal rights); government should be an assistance to the people and not an obstacle. All we need is for people to take action. I am looking forward to bringing up issues and having things get done if we're lucky enough to have Brent Vann elected. Brent Vann will not disappear after elections, as I've noticed some past presidents have done.

Brent has brought us a free barbecue. He has been able to obtain a local campaign television advertisement. He has many connections within the political community of San Luis Obispo. And he has emerged from a lot of negative campaigning against him by taking the high road, remaining composed and mature about the whole thing. That is admirable.

A vote for Brent Vann ensures our voices will be heard throughout the community. A fight will be waged against having to pay for parking after 5 p.m. and against the alcohol ordinance, and we will have a charismatic and helpful person in office.

I would be proud to have Brent Vann as the ASI president of our university.

Dan Davitt is a political science sophomore whose columns appear in Mustang Daily every other Tuesday.

Angie Hacker for ASI president

Now, before you go voting for Associated Students Inc. Dictator out of frustration with the whole ASI electoral process, I want you to consider your options. Today, you have the power to make your voice truly heard on this campus. Unlike our recent U.S. presidential election, your vote will actually count! And no, there won't be any pregnant chads, for if there are, I will immediately demand their abortion.

I have been actively involved in ASI for the last three years. Over that time I have seen some big whippers, some high flyers and some real bums walk in and out of the executive office, but very few have really caught my eye. However, among the hundreds of student leaders I have met, Angie Hacker has made it on the short list of real winners.

Over the last two years, her continuous and unwavering dedication to student interests has been more than commendable; it has been simply incredible. From fighting the San Luis Obispo City Council on the unconstitutional and blatantly anti-student

Eddie Drake

alcohol ordinance, to helping persuade the Cal Poly administration to join a consortium that guaranteed El Corral clothing is not made in sweatshops, to increasing funding for SAFE Ride and even lobbying the state legislature to increase funding for Cal Poly's high-cost programs, Angie has proven herself to be the kind of student advocate this apathetic campus needs.

Now, I must vent a bit here and let you know that Angie has been the unfortunate victim of some severe negative campaigning. An all-out war has been waged against her. To her credit, and no surprise to me, she has taken the high road and not once retaliated to the vicious lies being spread about her. This year has been the dirtiest campaign I have seen in my four and half years at Cal Poly. It's unfortunate that some people feel the need to destroy personal property and personal reputation in the far-off hope that another candidate will get into office. However, I believe their efforts will all be for naught, as I have faith that the student body will see through the immaturity and hatred smothering this campus.

Angie has proven her dedication to the entire student body time and time again. For Angie, this campaign and this distinguished office is not about resume points or a good letter of recommendation from President Warren Baker - it is about doing the best she can for a campus that she cares deeply about. Her current and very active involvement in student advocating groups like the College of Liberal Arts Student Council, ASI Board of Directors and ASI Advocacy Council only makes the case stronger that she is the most qualified and most experienced student leader for the job.

Lastly, let me say that this election isn't about little things and little ideas. This isn't like high school where the president's biggest responsibility was making sure that the homecoming dance had enough decorations and fruit punch. Cal Poly's ASI is an \$8 million corporation and needs someone with the drive, the experience and the leadership to make it great. Imagine an ASI where students actually have a real and active voice. Imagine an ASI where Cal Poly's administration does more than just pat us on the head whenever we stand up to protest an unfair action. Imagine an ASI that can get the city off our backs and let us be college kids at least one weekend a year.

Now stop imagining and go vote for Angie Hacker and watch today's dream become next year's reality.

Eddie Drake is a political science senior whose columns appear in Mustang Daily every other Thursday.

Corey Reihl for ASI president

When I think of college politics, one persistent image comes to mind: Brandon Walsh. Yes, the 90210, California University President Brandon Walsh, who trotted around campus talking with the chancellor about some issue that we couldn't have cared less about. But my friends, the time has now come for us to care.

We're now too smart for the high school days when we voted based on looks or popularity. I don't know if any of these candidates will ask you to prom if you vote for them, but I doubt it. If we think like adults, and act like adults, then we have the power of adults. The key is voting. The students of Cal Poly make up a large group of people, yet only 10 to 15 percent vote. Corey Reihl understands that communication is the key to making Cal Poly a school that works for you, because you pay for that power and because you deserve it.

Shallon Lester

We don't realize that the person we elect as ASI president will have a major say in major issues that affect us. You probably haven't noticed a big change this last year, for better or for worse, with Sam Aborne as president. Most of us have never seen, never spoken to, and certainly never given advice to Sam Aborne.

Corey Reihl wants to make the ASI president accessible to the students so that our concerns can be addressed. He will do this by starting a presidential column in Mustang Daily and advertising the ASI Web site where people like us can voice our opinions and subscribe to the ASI news wire. Corey Reihl isn't afraid to be held responsible.

So, if prom is out of the question, what EXACTLY will Reihl do for us? Reihl is capable of: 1. lobbying AGAINST raising tuition 2. preventing parking on campus from being banned, a major issue up for debate 3. having more classes offered during summer quarter 4. having more money spent on architecture, engineering, agriculture, and science programs so that students don't have to pay lab fees and have access to the best equipment 5. keeping bus rides to and from campus FREE 6. fighting for the rights of students concerning the alcohol ordinance.

Two things make Reihl different from his opponents: experience and diversity. His four years in the business program will allow him to balance the budget and lead committees of student representatives. His membership in the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity has tested his leadership, organization, and motivational skills. His involvement with the Student Concerns Committee proves he is in touch with students like you and me.

Angie Hacker is anti-greek. To elect someone that is anti-ANYTHING is a bad, bad idea. Take away our Greek system and we'll be in danger of becoming a geek school. Think about it. Brent Vann has ABSOLUTELY NO ASI experience. None. Not a single day. He doesn't even know when the ASI meetings are. Frightening. The ASI president handles more than \$10 million of YOUR money. Would you trust it to a first-timer? I hope not.

Corey Reihl: the right choice for architecture, engineering, agriculture and science, the right choice for greeks, the right choice for Shallon, the right choice for you.

Brandon Walsh would approve.

Shallon Lester is a speech communications sophomore whose columns appear every other Thursday.

Letters to the editor

Criminals can change Editor,

I read with amusement the commentary "Rex Krebs will never do anything good for society," April 27. Ms. Hatfield said, "Krebs has never given anything positive to the community. He never will. He has never done anything positive with his life. He never will." As evidence, she cites his criminal record and his statement that he "deserves to be punished."

If Ms. Hatfield knows Mr. Krebs personally, then perhaps her harsh words have basis in fact, and my criticism is unfounded. But does she really know this man whom she judges so harshly? Has she even spoken with him? No. Apparently, all she has done is "look

into his eyes," probably through the screen of a television. It doesn't seem that she has made an effort to look at other facets of his life - at the times before he was abused or at his treatment of the people close to him. If his ex-girlfriend can give a positive testimony as to his humanity and his ability to change, then who is Hatfield, a stranger, to combat it? Yes, Krebs is a serial killer, and, as he said, he deserves to be punished. But it is also true that everyone has the capacity to change for the better. I hope, for Krebs' sake, that his sentence is not decided by people as narrow-minded as Hatfield seemed to be in her commentary.

Elissa Karplus is an economics freshman.

Leave Vann's signs alone Editor,

I am a volunteer on Brent Vann's campaign for Associated Students Inc. president and things have gone too far! OK, Brent is a conservative, and ever since Mustang Daily published this fact, our signs have been getting torn down everywhere. People have created fake signs calling him a racist and a bigot, and now, which really pisses me off because I helped build them, our sandwich boards are being stolen!

Last time I checked, we lived in America, where a person has freedom of speech. This would include conservatives. This isn't Nazi Germany where you can't post something because it disagrees with your socialist ways!

It makes you wonder, though. We must have them running scared if they have to resort to ripping our things

down. We must also have a lot of the issues concerning students on our side if they don't want people to read them.

Tamas Simon is a political science senior.

Newspaper lacks morals Editor,

I am very disappointed in Mustang Daily's willingness to print a front-page photograph of a man who had committed suicide moments earlier. The publication of this photo was a tasteless, poor editorial decision. This photograph not only gave your paper an appearance of heartlessness, but also assured readers of the journalistic stereotype of being desensitized to issues of tragedy.

As a journalism student, I am disappointed in your compliance to publish

something that clearly goes against journalism ethics. The Society of Professional Journalists is "dedicated to encouraging the free practice of journalism and stimulating high standards of ethical behavior." While your staff clearly encouraged the practice of free speech, it is very obvious they equally lacked standards of moral conduct.

The Tribune was able to cover this story without revealing the blood of a man whose identity had not yet been confirmed. I encourage your staff to remember ethics involving journalism and "be sensitive when seeking or using photographs of those affected by tragedy or grief." This was more than a front-page story; this was a life.

Susan Malanche is a journalism freshman.

Hornets change mind on possible relocation

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The Charlotte Hornets, buoyed by a first-round playoff sweep of Miami and progress in their battle for a new arena, withdrew their application for relocation to Memphis, Tenn., on Wednesday.

Hornets co-owner George Shinn said the fan turnout for Friday night's Game 3 against the Heat played a part in his decision. A capacity crowd of 22,283 saw the Hornets win 94-79.

Charlotte's only other two sellouts this season had 4,000 fewer fans because the Hornets had tarp over the "least desirable" seats until the playoffs.

"As much as the Hornets are an asset to the community, this community has been an asset to the Hornets, and this team belongs to the fans of Charlotte," Shinn said in a statement.

The Hornets applied with the NBA in March to move the team to Memphis. The Vancouver Grizzlies also applied to move to Memphis, and the NBA said it would evaluate both applications and decide which team, if either, would move.

Shinn and co-owner Ray Wooldridge cited losses of more than

\$1 million a month, declining attendance and a need for a new arena with luxury seating as reasons for the move.

The application was made even though the team has been in ongoing negotiations with the city of Charlotte for a new arena. Wooldridge said at that time of the filing that he did it so the Hornets would have an option if a June 5 referendum on the arena fails.

The new arena is part of a proposed \$342 million package of seven downtown sports and cultural projects.

The Hornets signed a 25-year lease Monday on the new arena, which the city required them to do before they would ask the board of elections to place the referendum on the ballot.

Now Shinn, who founded the franchise that began play in 1988, said he was withdrawing the application in a move of good faith to prove the team wants to remain in Charlotte.

"With the progress and hard work by the city to create a vibrant downtown with many exciting projects, we felt the need to further show a commitment to Charlotte and our fans," he said.

Donahue promoted to 49ers general manager

SANTA CLARA (AP) — After learning at the side of Hall of Famer Bill Walsh for the last two years, the time has come for Terry Donahue.

The San Francisco 49ers on Wednesday officially promoted Donahue to general manager.

Walsh, who was brought back as Niners general manager in 1999 and provided stability to a franchise which was in chaos due to ownership problems, will remain with the organization as a consultant.

Donahue served as director of player personnel for the last two seasons and was being groomed as Walsh's successor. He will likely be interested in naming Chicago Bears director of scouting Bill Rees, who

excelled as Donahue's recruiting coordinator at UCLA, as his director of player personnel.

Walsh, 69, recently conducted his final draft with the 49ers and continued to lay a foundation on defense for Donahue to build upon, selecting California defensive end Andre Carter with the seventh overall pick and Vanderbilt linebacker Jamie Winborn in the second round. In 2000, Walsh drafted five players — linebackers Julian Peterson and Jeff Ulbrich, end John Engelberger and cornerbacks Ahmed Plummer and Jason Webster — who started on defense.



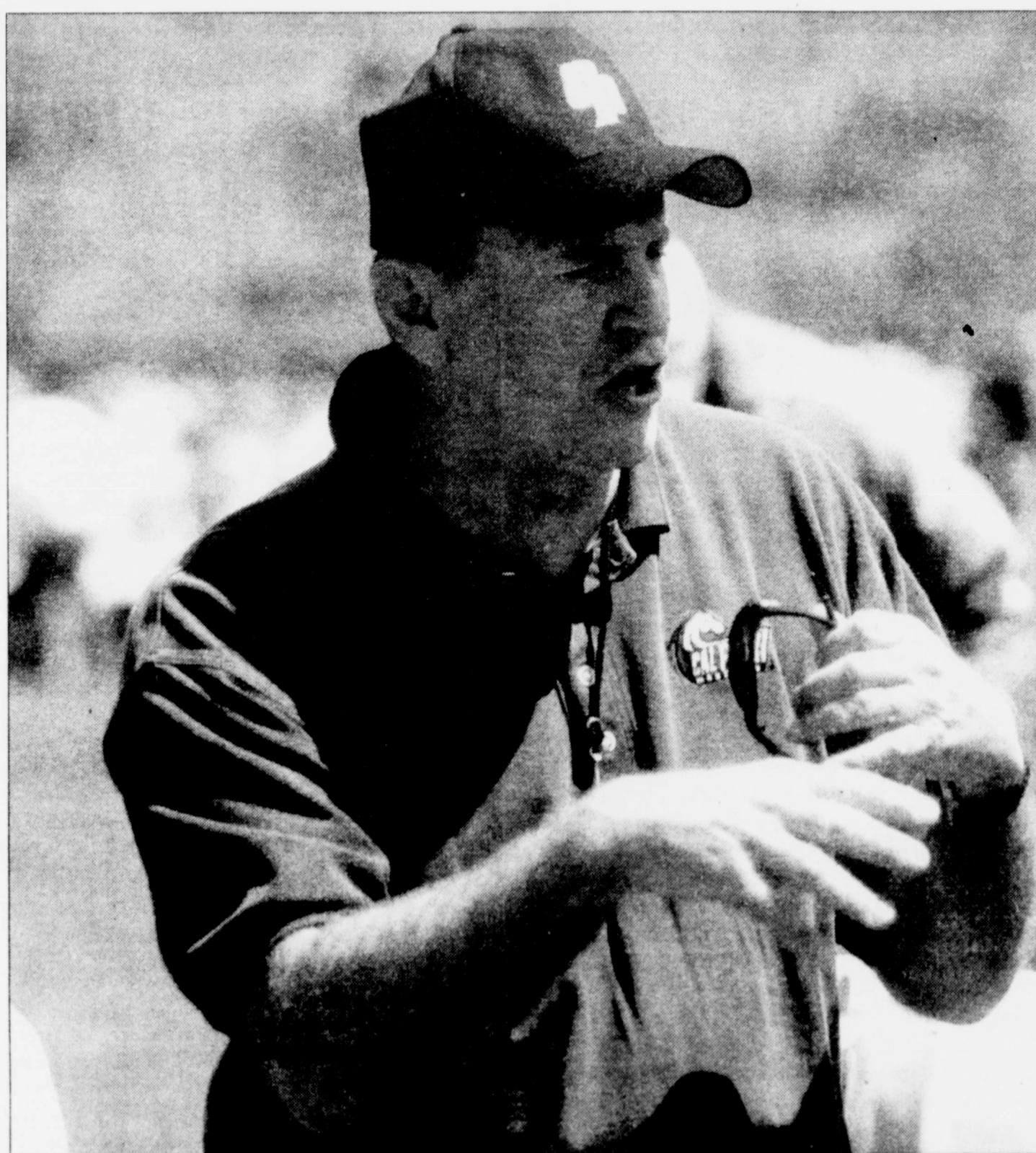
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Head coach Rich Ellerson has completed his spring practices and can't officially coach the team until fall.

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natural for any college team.

"Until you know your personnel, it takes awhile to know what players need to be on the punt team, kick off team or the kick off return team," Ellerson said.

The first-year head coach said depth will be the team's major weakness.

"I don't see who our weapons are on defense," Ellerson said. "But I know who they are on the offense to make things happen."

Many changes will occur this season, and Ellerson said that having new systems on both sides of the ball will make the players more efficient.

"That system will evolve and mature," Ellerson said. "And the guys will grow into the system."

Ellerson said some players stuck out to him as having a great camp, but he didn't want to name specific players in order to keep team unity.

"It's obvious to me who's necessary on the defense, and I have some guys who I'm encouraged by," he said. "But

I'm not ready to say who is a weapon."

Most players on the team have seen differences not only in Ellerson's coaching but also in the practices.

"Coach Ellerson is great," said senior defensive back Jesse Wilson. "We needed new blood on the field and he brings the intensity that we needed."

Wilson said that this season's spring training was different because they worked on more fundamentals. Other players agreed with Wilson and said Ellerson brings more efficiency to the team.

"We learned a lot during spring training," said senior defensive back Kurt Rubin. "One thing I liked was practicing in the morning instead of the evening."

Ellerson said he cares what his players think because they share that field with him. He also cares about how some people perceive the team.

"I want our opponent to perceive us as a team with great enthusiasm and believe that we will hit everything that moves and attack in a kicking game," Ellerson said. "We also value what our opponents think of us after they play us."

His players recognize the experi-

ence that Ellerson brings to the Cal Poly football program.

"He came from a big college and he has the experience so we can learn from him," Rubin said.

Ellerson said that he knew the players were more focused before he came into the Cal Poly program.

"Students at Cal Poly are more focused and more balanced," he said. "When you get into the Pac-10 division, you tend to get a little warped and it becomes more of a show."

Ellerson said the Arizona team dealt a lot with the press and that attention is more pervasive at that level.

"The guys here pay more attention to their education," he said. "They know that it will influence their life a lot more than football will."

Coaching a team that is more focused makes Ellerson more enthusiastic about his job.

"You inherit a legacy, but you have to reinvent yourself a little bit of that entity because you'll have guys who will graduate and there will be new players," he said. "The team dynamic changes every year, but we can't assume that because we had an enthusiastic team last year, we will this year."

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Rodriguez, with only 189 homers, is still very far away from the record, and speculation about his chances is still a bit premature. But unlike the others, his career began in the offensive explosion of the late 1990s, and he's reached his impressive home run total at the tender age of 25. At his breakneck pace, he could break the record before his 40th birthday if he hits an average of 40 homers the next 14 seasons.

Obviously, that is a difficult assignment, but Rodriguez has hit at least 40 the past three seasons, and he's yet to hit the age when most power hitters are in their prime – from their late 20s to early 30s. If he can avoid major injury, he has the best shot of anyone in the game today of breaking baseball's most revered record.

Baseball is a game of legends and of hallowed figures and records. Many baseball fans feel that the career home run record, much like Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak, is one that will never fall. But five years ago, few envisioned Roger Maris' single-season home run record falling – and then Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire obliterated it in the same season.

Today's offensive explosion is not a trend. Until the 1990s, hitters didn't devote their off-seasons to chugging supplements and lifting weights. The success of hitters around the league in the last decade ensures that bigger, stronger players will continue to abuse pitching for a long time to come. And the offensive records will continue to fall, every last one of them.

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Mavericks try to run and gun to series victory over Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) – The Dallas Mavericks delivered just what coach Don Nelson wanted – a return trip to Utah.

And the Mavs won't be wide-eyed and wobbly-kneed this time.

The Mavericks and Jazz play Game 5 of their first-round series Thursday night. The winner travels to San Antonio on Saturday to face the Spurs in the Western Conference semifinals.

"Our wish came true. We wanted to get it back to Utah," Nelson said. "This

is a great experience for my team."

After beating Utah 107-77 on Tuesday night, tying the series 2-2, the Mavericks aren't the playoff rookies who lost twice in Salt Lake City last week. They're four games wiser now.

"We should've won Game 1, but we weren't experienced enough," said Dirk Nowitzki, who was stripped while driving the lane near the end of the opener. "We got better from game to game, especially in the third game."

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Liddell and Randleman weighed in at 199 pounds.

Liddell said this fight is an opportunity to fight a quality fighter and doesn't think Randleman is looking past him to Ortiz.

"From the stuff I've read, I don't think he's looking past me, but you never know," Liddell said. "If he is, that would help."

A win over an opponent with the skill and international recognition of Randleman would likely put Liddell in the No. 1 contender's spot for Ortiz's title. Liddell said he's not thinking about a title fight with Randleman so close at hand, but that he doesn't know how willing he would be to fight his friend.

"A fight with Tito doesn't really interest me right now," Liddell said. "I train with him, and he's one of my friends. That would make it kind of weird."

This is the fifth UFC fight for Liddell, who comes into Friday with a 3-1 UFC record. He has fought in several other sanctioning bodies including the Valetudo and the International Fighting

Championship. He recently defeated John Landes in the Valetudo – a fighting league where anything is legal – and is the current IFC champion for light heavyweights.

Liddell's celebrity status within the sport of ultimate fighting continues to grow, and a victory over Randleman would add to his international prestige. A sign of how much respect Liddell commands in his sport is his emergence as a character in the Sega Dreamcast UFC video game. Despite his growing status, Liddell is living up to his nickname and taking things in stride.

"Sometimes the attention you get is cool," he said. "It's something that comes with doing well in the sport, so in that sense I'm happy when people recognize me."

Ultimate fighting enjoyed early success on pay-per-view but was banned from television after lobbying in Congress convinced several congressmembers that it was too violent. The UFC has since added more rules and has been picked up by many of the State Athletic Commissions as a result. While the UFC is not yet back on mainstream pay-per-view, Liddell's Friday fight can be seen on satellite direct pay-per-view at 6 p.m.

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said. "They had the most enthusiasm."

Each fraternity and sorority drew a player to "sponsor." If their player hit a home run, every "sponsor" in attendance received a hot dog and a soda. The fraternity or sorority with the largest percentage of their house in attendance won a pizza party.

Theme nights are only one of many promotions developed by Cal Poly Athletics.

Targeted to Cal Poly students, they are not always successful with some of the different groups, said Chris Baker, assistant athletic director in charge of marketing.

"The main reason is either the shortness of time in getting information to groups or coming up with an incentive," Baker said. "Free food only works so much."

Besides theme nights, other promotions for all athletic events include in-game promotions and sponsored contests. Gift certificates are won through contests, stickers are handed out to the first people through the door and T-shirts are thrown.

Larger contests have included promotions like the Staples Center Challenge and "Who's Got Balls?"

An airplane toss, called the Staples Center Challenge, tested skills of paper airplane folders in exchange for a seat in the Pepsi suite during a Lakers game. Students and San Luis Obispo residents folded planes with their names on them and threw them at a large barrel. The winner at each game went to a finals round at the end of the season with the final toss based on a point system.

"This is the second year we've

done it," Baker said. "It is very popular."

Baker said that one of the most successful promotions was the "Who's Got Balls?" contest sponsored by KKAL.

"It went very well and we saw an increase in student attendance at basketball games," Baker said. "Toward the end of the season, students were still coming out."

"Who's got Balls?" encouraged students to come to women's and men's basketball, football and baseball games to collect mini balls that were thrown into the crowd. The person who collected the most balls by March 10 was placed in a drawing to win a trip for four to Cancun during Spring Break.

The beginning of the baseball season was marked by the dedication of Baggett Stadium. The dedication was heavily advertised, and about 3,100 people attended the game against Stanford.

"The attendance was phenomenal," Price said. "Events involve everyone."

Without favorable spring weather, other promotions for baseball games have been slow.

"We haven't done as good of a job as in the past," Price said. "The weather has hurt promotional activities."

Many of the outdoor games have been rained out or forced to change times or locations.

"Attendance isn't as good as we expected," Price said. "Especially with how well we've done."

Overall, attendance at almost all sporting events has increased this year, Baker said.

"What helps are teams taking an active role in marketing their games," Baker said. "Women's basketball has a lot of community involvement including clinics or working at shelters."

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Ellerson pleased with spring progress

By Adrenna Benjamin
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

After only a month of cramming plays and learning each player's skills, Cal Poly football coach Rich Ellerson has to sit back and let his players continue practicing without his guidance on the field until summer camp.

Last month's spring training was a learning process for both the players and Ellerson, who has coached football for more than 20 years and previously coached at the University of Arizona. This is Ellerson's rookie season and first spring with the Mustangs.

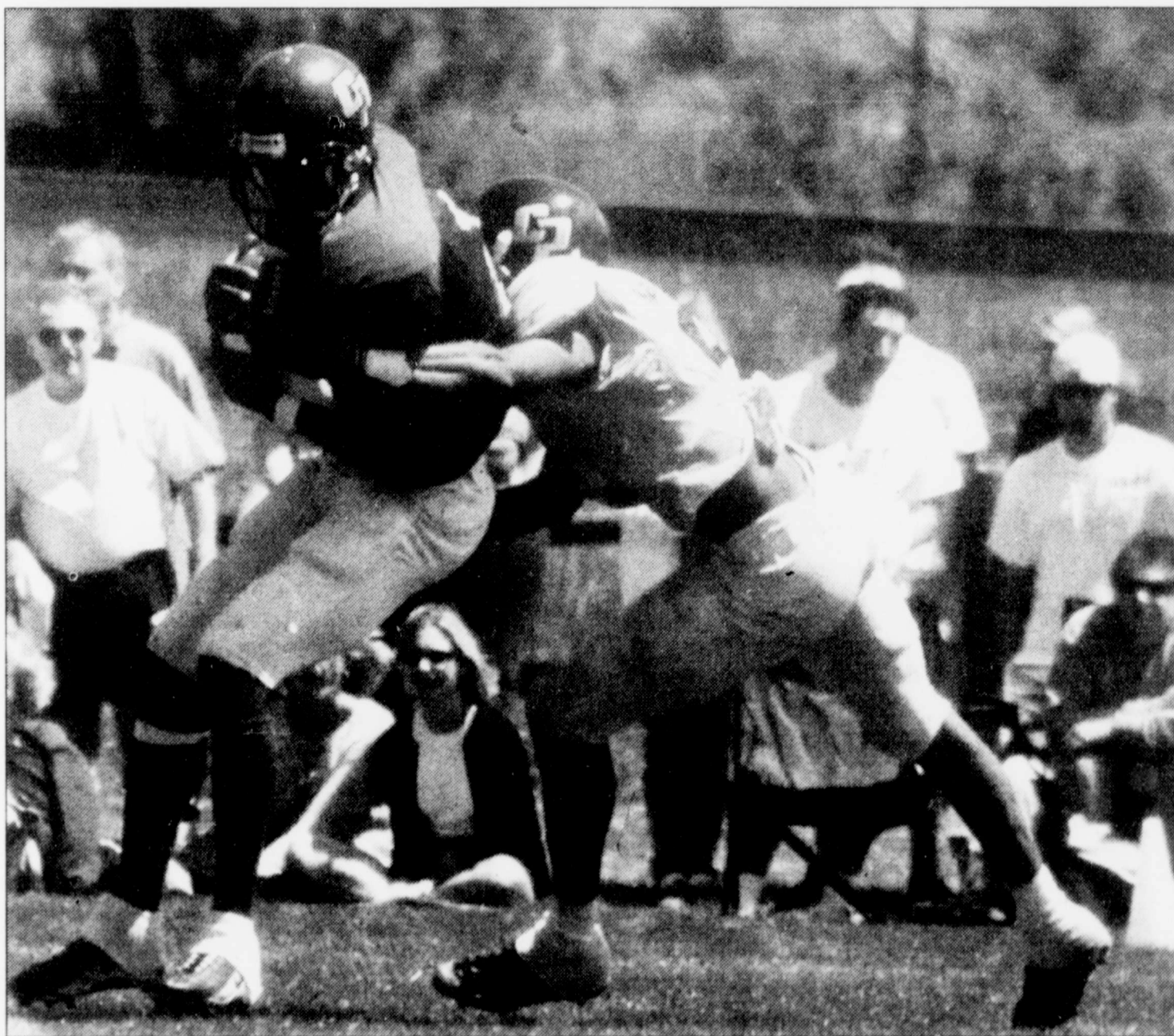
"I feel good about the team," Ellerson said. "I think we're at least as far along as I'd hope to be."

Ellerson said the team has learned a lot both offensively and defensively. He added that one of the primary parts of the football system is to make sure that the coaches are giving the players the best chance to be successful.

"We don't want someone to do something physically or mentally that is not suited for them," he said. "But our system is flexible enough to accommodate different strengths and weaknesses."

One of the weaknesses that Ellerson mentioned was the team's kicking game, which he said was

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All-American wide receiver Kassim Osgood caught two passes in Saturday's Green and Gold Game, including a 26-yard pass from quarterback Seth Burford. Osgood averaged 126.7 yards per game last season.

Aaron's record will be broken

When Barry Bonds recently smacked the 500th home run of his career at Pacific Bell Park, the debate over whether he could break Hank Aaron's record of 755 resumed before the ball had even splashed into McCovey Cove.

When a player reaches an incredible milestone, it's not unusual for fans and analysts to speculate as to whether he is in reach of the record in that

category. His

accomplishment often sparks comparisons to other great players, their achievements and an argument as to who has the best shot at shattering the mark.

The night of Bonds' historic shot, sportscasters around the nation debated his and other current stars' chances of ever matching Aaron's 755 round-trippers. At age 36, Bonds is generally considered out of contention. Mark McGwire is the leader among active players in career home runs, with 555, and he shattered the single-season home run mark three seasons ago when he hit 70. But Big Mac is 37, and the past two seasons he's suffered major injuries that may prevent him from getting another 200 homers.

Sammy Sosa had 386 home runs entering this season, and at age 33, he has an outside chance. If he can continue the power surge he's enjoyed the past three years, in which he hit more than 60 homers twice, then he'll be knocking on Aaron's door.

The two players with the best shot of catching Aaron are Ken Griffey Jr. and Alex Rodriguez. Although they are farther away than Bonds and McGwire, the pace they have set early on in their careers is astonishing.

Griffey, 31, reached 400 home runs faster than anyone in history. He entered the season with 438 dingers, and at his current pace, he would catch Aaron by age 39.

Recent promos successful for Poly athletics

By Dena Horton
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It wasn't an Inter-Fraternity Council meeting or a Panhellenic meeting that got Greeks together Friday night.

Greek Night at Baggett Stadium had sororities and fraternities joining together to cheer on the Cal Poly baseball team as it faced against Sacramento State.

"Fraternity and sorority Night was by far the best promotion," head baseball coach Ritch Price

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Cal Poly grad heads back to UFC octagon

By Rob Cassel
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

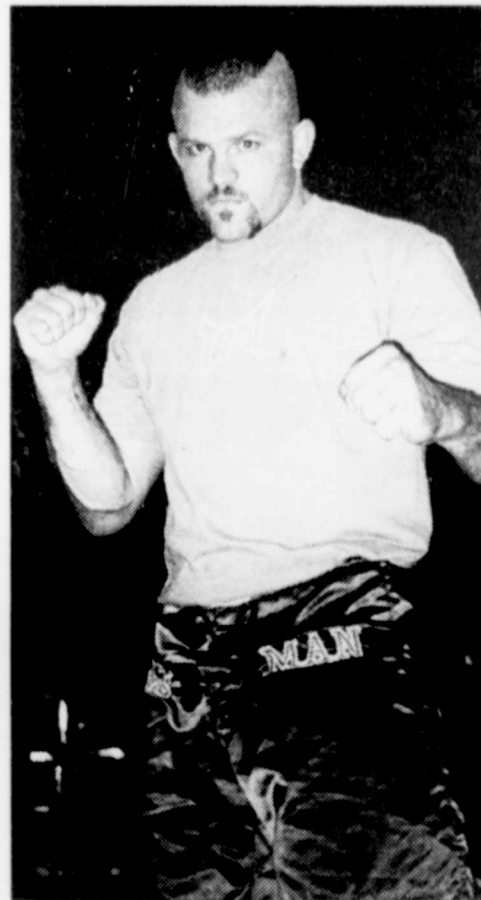
The challenges keep getting bigger for Cal Poly graduate Chuck "The Ice Man" Liddell, and Liddell is staying cool as ice.

He will battle Kevin "The Monster" Randleman Friday in a light heavyweight Ultimate Fighting Championship match that will be his biggest to date. The fight will take place in Atlantic City, N.J., at the Trump Taj Mahal. UFC matches are fought in an octagon instead of a conventional ring.

Liddell, who trains at San Luis Obispo Kickboxing, said he fights for the challenge of putting himself up against guys who are very good.

"I'm always striving to improve all the different areas of my game," he said. "My goals are to fight the most quality fighters I can and be the one left standing in the octagon. The worst feelings I ever had were with losing, but that's in any sport that I've done. I hate losing."

Randleman is the former UFC heavyweight champion of the world as well as an NCAA Division I wrestling champion. He is dropping down to the light heavyweight division for a shot to battle champion Tito Ortiz, who is a friend and training partner of the 31-year-old Liddell. The cutoff for the light heavyweight division is 199 pounds, and both



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Cal Poly graduate Chuck Liddell battles in his fifth UFC fight Friday.

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<p>Yesterday's Answer:</p> <p>Bert Blyleven was the only pitcher to give up 50 home runs in a season.</p> <p>Congrats Joel Bigelow!</p> <p>Today's Question:</p> <p>Who finished third behind Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle in the 1961 home run derby?</p> <p>Please submit sports trivia answer to: mrsterli@calpoly.edu. Please include your name. The first correct answer received via e-mail will be printed in the next issue of the paper.</p>	<p>Payton named to All-Defensive team</p> <p>NEW YORK (AP) — SuperSonics point guard Gary Payton made the NBA's All-Defensive team for the eighth time Wednesday. Only Michael Jordan made more appearances on the All-Defensive team, with nine. Bobby Jones and Scottie Pippen also made it eight times.</p> <p>Payton, who tied for 13th in the league during the regular season by averaging 1.61 steals, is joined by 76ers center Dikembe Mutombo, Suns guard Jason Kidd, and forwards Tim Duncan of the Spurs and Kevin Garnett of the Timberwolves.</p> <p>Mutombo, the Defensive Player of the Year, was the leading vote-getter with 43 points.</p> <p>The league's 29 head coaches vote for the team.</p> <p>Tavarez fined for anti-gay remarks</p> <p>CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago Cubs pitcher Julian Tavarez was fined but not suspended for making anti-gay remarks last weekend in San Francisco.</p> <p>The Cubs announced on Wednesday that Tavarez would be fined an undisclosed amount that would be distributed to charitable organizations with input from the San Francisco Giants.</p>	<p>FRIDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baseball vs. Cal State Fullerton at Baggett Stadium • 7 p.m. Softball vs. Santa Clara (doubleheader) at Bob Janssen Field • 3 p.m. / 5 p.m. <p>SATURDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baseball vs. Cal State Fullerton at Baggett Stadium • 7 p.m. Softball vs. University of the Pacific at Bob Janssen Field • Noon / 2 p.m. <p>SUNDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baseball vs. Cal State Fullerton at Baggett Stadium • 1 p.m. Softball vs. University of the Pacific at Bob Janssen Field • 11 a.m.